

Bridgewater Park Facilities			
Park	Location	Acres	Facilities
Alfred S. Brown	Beach Avenue	10	A, B, D, E, G, I
Ardmaer	Old York Road	4.78	A, D, H
Bel Air	Marie Place	1.26	A, C, D
Cedarbrook	Cedarbrook Road	5.1	A, H, F, I
Chimney Rock	Chimney Rock Road	24	A, B, C, D, F, G, J, I
Crim Fields	Crim Road	25	E, F, I
Gene G. King	Frohlin Drive	30	F, I
Glen Park	Glen Road	2.21	A, B, C
Green Knoll	Garretson Road (Municipal Bldg.)	2	D, E, J
Harry Ally Memorial	Main Street to Grand Blvd.	12	A, B, C, D, E, G, I, J
KidStreet	Garretson Road (Municipal Bldg.)	10.2	A, J
North Bridge Street	North Bridge Street	7.5	A, D, E, J
Peter Par	Peter Par Road	2.6	A
Prince Rodgers Complex	Prince Rodgers Road	10	A, D, I, J
Rolling Knolls	Rolling Knolls Way	1.7	A, D, E
Shady Lane	Shady Lane	1.2	A, C
Somerville Manor	Sussex Avenue	1.7	A, C, D
Thomae	Nagle Street	8	A, C, D

A= Playground Equipment; **B**= Tennis Courts; **C**= Basketball Courts; **D**= Ball Fields; **E**= Soccer Fields; **F**= Nature Trails; **G**= Roller Hockey Rink; **H**= Pond; **I**= Walking Path; **J**= Permanent Bathrooms.

The Division of Parks anticipates an optimistic future in the development and acquisition of open space. The development of such facilities will assist in meeting the leisure time needs of the residents of Bridgewater. If you desire any additional information regarding the acquisition or development program or presently owned facilities, contact the Superintendent of Public Works at (908) 725-6300 ext. 309.

Tennis Court Facilities are based on first come first serve and no reservations are needed. Proper court etiquette is required...one hour notice at time of arrival if the court is in use. Bridgewater Recreation reserves the right to utilize courts for programs run through the Department.

The Township of Bridgewater
P.O. Box 6300/700 Garretson Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Recreation: (908) 725-6373
Office hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
Switchboard: (908) 725-6300 TTD available
Inclement Weather Message: (908) 526-7107
www.bridgewaternj.gov



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Halloween haunted Trail and Festivities

who hosts the most outrageous cast of ghoulish characters for Halloween? The Bridgewater Recreation Department's Haunted Trail! This popular event will be Monday, October 30, 2006 (rain date Tuesday, October 31, 2006). Look for detailed flyers to be available at the Recreation Department, on line and around town at the beginning of October.

Message from the Mayor...

Bridgewater Township is proud to offer a wide range of recreational activities for children and adults. Our Recreation staff works very hard year round to put together a tremendous assortment of sporting and leisure activities that we can all enjoy. Please look through our brochure and website for areas of interest and follow the directions provided for sign up. Take advantage of the many opportunities your tax dollars provide for.

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This Fall and Winter 2006-2007 Recreation brochure will be the final Recreation brochure mailed to all Bridgewater residents, in an effort to reduce printing, eliminate as much paper consumption as possible and reduce postage costs. We advise our residents to check the website more often!

Registration forms for all of the programs listed in this brochure can be obtained at www.bridgewaternj.gov. Specific information (dates, times, cost...) will be published on the actual registration form.

To obtain on-line registration forms – go to www.bridgewaternj.gov, scroll down ½ way and click on the Recreation logo or go to Directory of Departments, scroll down to Recreation Department and click on Registration Forms. Scroll down to desired program flyer and click on it to download.

No online capability? Call or stop by the Recreation Department during office hours to pick up registration forms or have them faxed or mailed.

Bridgewater Township, located at the crossroads of Somerset County, offers its residents many unique and exciting recreation programs for all ages to enjoy.

The primary service of the Bridgewater Recreation Department is to provide opportunities for enriching the lives and meeting the recreational needs of Bridgewater residents.

The Recreation Department seeks to promote a spirit of cooperation, build self-esteem, encourage healthy competition, and develop lifelong recreational interests among all program participants.

Come out today and play!



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General Information and Policies

-The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, alter, supplement, limit registration or change any of the dates, times, locations, ages, fees or other information listed in this brochure. There will be **No Refunds** of registration fees after the first class or practice unless the Recreation Department cancels the program.

-There will be no refunds if a program does not run its full course of dates due to inclement weather, gym cancellation or circumstances beyond the Bridgewater Recreation Departments control. If checks are made payable to an outside organization, refunds will be handled through the outside organization in accordance with their policies, terms and conditions.

-Bridgewater Recreation and the Board of Education reserve the right to cancel or change sites, dates, and times pending registrations and school priorities. Programs will not meet when the public schools are closed due to inclement weather, holidays or other emergencies.

-Participants of Bridgewater Township Department of Recreation activities are prohibited from wearing jewelry (including earrings, which cannot be taped) while taking part in any recreational program. Anyone who is required to wear a cast of any sort for medical purposes is prohibited from engaging in recreational programs.

-Please note that the Bridgewater Recreation Department does not provide individual medical insurance coverage for its participants. Each participant will be covered under his/her family's medical policy. It is recommended that families have insurance before the child participates in a youth sports program as well as adult participants.

-Supervision: Parents/Guardians of minors are responsible for dropping off and picking up children promptly. Parents or guardians are to be waiting for their children at the conclusion of the program.

-The Bridgewater Recreation Department reserves the right to utilize facilities and or parks exclusively for scheduled programs (i.e. Summer Playgrounds...) and to be closed to the public during program operation hours.

Questioning the Weather?

For inclement weather call the Code-A-Phone at (908) 526-7107 or visit www.bridgewaternj.gov. If a decision has not been made by 3:30pm, coaches and umpires will make a decision at the field. Please keep in mind, if there is no update on the code-a-phone or the website; this means nothing has been canceled. These sites are only updated after a cancellation.

Registration Information

Registration is currently going on for the following programs: Pee-Wee Outdoor Lacrosse Clinic and Boys Fall Lacrosse,



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the week are Strength Training, Tai Chi, Aerobics, Ball Class, Country Western, Tap, Line and Ballroom dancing and Yoga. Computer training from introductory through advanced skills are also taught at the center. Knitting and crocheting group teaches beginning through advanced skills. Numerous bus trips are planned (day and over night) with monthly Atlantic City Trips. For further information contact the Senior Citizen Coordinator Donna Langel at (908) 575-8021 or (908) 725-8020. Check the Township website www.bridgewaternj.gov in the near future for information!

Recreation Programs for People with Disabilities

The Division of Recreation is currently a participating municipality with the Somerset County Park Commission Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Department, allowing for regionalized recreation programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities. For further information, please call the Somerset County Park Commission TR Department at (908) 526-5650, Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Group Directory

Bridgewater Baseball

(908) 685-2662 www.bridgewaterbaseball.com

Bradley Gardens Little Loop

(908) 203-1118 www.bradleygardensbaseball.com

Bridgewater Soccer Association

(908) 658-9559 www.bridgewatersoccer.com

Bridgewater Blue Diamonds Softball Club

(908) 230-7386 www.bbdsoftball.com bridgewaterbd@yahoo.com

Bridgewater Football League (BFL)

(908) 685-1346 www.bridgewaterfootballleague.com

Pop Warner Football

(908) 218-9568 www.brpopwarner.org

Somerset County

Somerset County Library

(908) 526-4016 www.somerset.lib.nj.us

Somerset County Park Commission

(908) 722-1200 www.somersetcountyparks.org

Questions pertaining to the school district? Contact...

Bridgewater Board of Education

(908) 685-2777 www.brrsd.k12.nj.us



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Rutgers Youth Sports Safety Orientation & Training Workshop

Mandatory for all volunteers of youth sports. Coaches and assistants who attend this workshop will be covered under the law, which provides immunity from civil damages. It is mandatory for all coaches and assistants participating in Township activities to become certified. The workshop will be held at the Bridgewater Senior Citizen Center on Monday, September 18, 2006, Mondays, December 18, 2006 or Tuesday, April 10, 2007 from 6:30 to 10:00pm. No Cost to Bridgewater Township Recreation Coaches. Class includes participant receiving a book, reference manuals and certification card. Rutgers Youth Sports Safety Orientation & Training Workshop is a one time certification and good indefinitely. If you are in need of certification and have a conflict with the above date contact the Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council at (732) 932-7178 or visit their website at www.youthsports.rutgers.edu for other clinics in the area. Space is limited, registration is based on first come first serve at the Bridgewater Recreation Department, Bridgewater-Raritan resident coaches will be taken first before out of town coaches if course fills up. Pre-Registration through the Bridgewater Recreation Department is required. Download a registration form at www.bridgewaternj.gov.

Mandatory Safety Background Checks – KidSafe

In the interest of the safety and welfare of Bridgewater Youth, the Bridgewater Township Council adopted a local ordinance (Township Ordinance #04-10) requiring criminal background checks for Bridgewater Township Recreation volunteer coaches. The ordinance requires all Bridgewater Township Recreation volunteer coaches to be fingerprinted so that state and federal criminal background checks can be conducted. Persons will not be eligible to coach youth sports programs sponsored by the Bridgewater Township Recreation Department unless they have passed a criminal background check. KidSafe certification must be taken in Bridgewater. Fingerprinting through KidSafe is good for three years and recertification is required. The next fingerprinting session(s) will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2006, Wednesday, January 10, 2007 or Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at the Bridgewater Senior Center from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Pre-Registration through the Bridgewater Recreation Department is required. Download a registration form at www.bridgewaternj.gov.

Special Services

Senior Citizen Center

The Senior Citizen Center is located on 455 Somerville Road in Bridgewater. This multi-purpose facility includes a large meeting room, workshop, arts and crafts room, TV lounge and game facilities. The Bridgewater Senior Citizen members are an organized group that meets every Tuesday of each month. Regular programs include Bridge, Bingo, Billiards, Shuffleboard, Guest Speakers, and a monthly luncheon. Other programs on various days and times during

Roller Hockey, Pre-Season Soccer Kick-Off, In-Town Soccer, Fall Off-Season Wrestling Club, Recreation Wrestling Program and Men's Over 30 Basketball League... Contact Bridgewater Recreation for a registration form or download forms online to be posted at www.bridgewaternj.gov in the near future.

Registration for all other programs not listed above will start on Thursday, August 3, 2006 except for Pre-School Swim (see below for more information on Pre-School Swim).

Four ways to register: (1) **In-person** at the Bridgewater Recreation Department Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. (2) **Via Postal Service** registration forms can be mailed to Bridgewater Recreation Department P.O. Box 6300/700 Garretson Road – Bridgewater, NJ 08807. (3) **Drop Box** – drop registration forms in the “**REC**” mailbox located behind the Township Municipal Building, it is black and marked “REC”. You can drop off all registrations in this mailbox 24 hours a day/7 days a week. (4) Fax to (908) 725-1661 **only** for programs that do not require a registration fee.

To obtain on-line registration forms – go to www.bridgewaternj.gov, simply scroll down ½ way down the main page and click on the Recreation logo! Or scroll down to Directory of Departments, scroll down to Recreation Department and click on Registration Forms. Scroll down to desired program flyer and click on it to download. All checks are made payable to “Bridgewater Township” or the organization hosting the program. Outside organizations are no longer accepting cash. If signing up more than one child or session, separate checks and forms are required.

Late Fee - Any program with a registration deadline must have a registration form received by the Recreation Department by 5:00pm on the deadline date. If it is received by the Recreation Department after the deadline date it will result in a late fee and child being placed on a waiting list with no guarantees of being placed in a program or on a team. If we can not accommodate late registration(s), fee will be returned. The date of registration is defined as when the Recreation Department receives the completed registration form and full payment. Postmarked dates are not accepted.

Pre-School Swim Registration for All 3 Sessions - Registration back at the Recreation Department! In-Person **Registration will be Thursday, September 7, 2006** from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (inclement weather date, Friday, September 8, 2006). Registration will be held at the Bridgewater Municipal Building (700 Garretson Road). Parking will only be available after 5:30pm. In-Person registration policy for Thursday, September 7, 2006: One parent/guardian per child per program (parents may register for more than one sibling). If you are unable to attend registration, you may get someone to register your child/children but they cannot be registering their own children for the same program. Unavailable for registration? Call or stop by the Bridgewater Recreation Department after Thursday, September 7, 2006 for availability. Also, proof of residence may be required (i.e. driver's license). Registration size is limited. If signing up more than one child, separate checks and forms are required.



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Welcome to Bridgewater Township Recreation Department! We encourage everyone to participate in our programs. We have a working relationship with the Somerset County Therapeutic Recreation Department (TR) allowing for recreation programs that can promote an active lifestyle that improves social, cognitive, emotional functioning and enhances participants' abilities. If your child has any special needs and may require a reasonable accommodation please note appropriately on the registration form, three weeks prior to deadline.

Activites and Programs

Biddy Sports (ages 2 to 5)
Girls on the Run (girls grades 3rd to 5th)
Gym Time (grades kindergarten & 1st)
Introduction to Cheer and Dance (girls kindergarten to 3rd)
Junior Golf (grades 6th, 7th, & 8th) with BRHS Varsity Coach Ed O'Melia - new program!
Manners Matter (ages 7 to 12)
Roller Hockey (grades k to 8th) Registration Deadline: Monday, August 14, 2006
Ski (ages 8 to 8th grade) Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 4, 2006
SmartSitter (ages 11 to 16)
Volleyball (grades 6th, 7th & 8th) with BRHS Varsity Volleyball Coach Corey Romanak – new program!
Adult Volleyball (ages 18 & over)
Yoga (Mommy & Me, Junior, Teens, Adults, Seniors & Family) – new program!

Basketball

Offensive Improvement Basketball Clinic (boys grades 1st & 2nd – Boys & Girls 3rd to 5th) with BRHS Varsity B-Ball Coach Tim Ortelli
Girls Basketball Clinic (grades 1st & 2nd) with Sandy Baranowski & Kelly Schwertfeger
2nd grade Basketball for girls and boys Registration Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2006
3rd grade Basketball for girls and boys Registration Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2006
4th grade Basketball for girls and boys Registration Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2006
Pre-Season B-ball Warm Up for girls & boys (grades 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th) with BRHS Varsity B-Ball Coach Tim Ortelli
Youth Basketball grades 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th boys and girls Registration Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2006
Boys High School Basketball League (grades 9th/10th & 11th/12th) Registration Deadline: Monday, December 4, 2006
Girls High School Basketball League (grades 9th to 12th) Registration Deadline: Monday, December 4, 2006
Men's Over 30 Basketball League (Bridgewater-Raritan Residents) Registration Deadline: Monday, September 16, 2006

Coaching Qualifications

Rutgers - Youth Sports Safety Orientation
Kidsafe - Fingerprinting & Background Check ages 16 and over

Field Hockey (Girls)

Dutch Field Hockey Program (grades 5th to 12th)
Winter Indoor Field Hockey Leagues (grades 9 to 12)
Girls Field Hockey (grades 3 to 6) - now at Soccer Centers with Dutch Trainers!

Karate

Children's Karate(ages 4 to 12)
Tiny Tigers (ages 2 & 3)
Teen Karate (13 & over)
Adult Karate
Cardio Kickboxing (ages 14 & over)

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Lacrosse

Pee Wee Outdoor Lacrosse Clinic (boys 4 years old to 1st grade and girls 4 years old to 2nd grade) Registration Deadline: Monday, August 21, 2006
Boy's Fall Lacrosse (grades 2nd to 6th) Registration Deadline: Friday, September 8, 2006
Boy's Spring Lacrosse Program (grades 2nd to 8th) Mandatory registration meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2006
Girl's Spring Lacrosse (grades 3rd to 8th) Registration Deadline: Friday, December 1, 2006
Girl's Lacrosse Stick Work Clinic (grades 3rd to 8th) with BRHS Varsity Lacrosse Coach Kathie DeBonis – new program!
Winter In-Door Lacrosse (boys grades 2nd, 3rd & 4th)

Soccer

Pre-Season Soccer Kick-Off (grades kindergarten to 8th) Registration Deadline: Monday, August 14, 2006
In-Town Soccer (grades kindergarten to 8th) Registration Deadline: Monday, August 14, 2006 for Fall!
Soccer Kids - McLoughlin (pre-school)
World Cup Camps (ages 8 to 14)
Little Kickers (ages 3 to 6)
Indoor Winter Recreation Soccer League (grades kindergarten 1st, 2nd & 3rd)
Adult Indoor Soccer (ages 16 & over)
Soccer Aerobics (ages 18 and over) - New Program

Softball - with BRHS Varsity Coach Sandy Baranowski

Softball Clinic (grades kindergarten, 1st & 2nd)
Softball Clinic (grades 3rd to 8th)

Wrestling (grades kindergarten to 8th!)

Fall Off-Season Wrestling Club (September - October)
Wrestling Open House (October & November)
Recreation Wrestling Program (November to March)
Spring Wrestling (April – June) for the experienced wrestler

YMCA on Garretson Road - don't need a membership!

Pre-School Swim (ages 6 months to 6)
Youth Swim (ages 7 to 12)
Chess Club and Family Swim (grades 1st to 5th)
Water Polo (ages 10 to 15)
Adult Beginner Swim Lessons (ages ? & over) - new program!
Adult Aqua Exercise (ages ? & over) - new program!
CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Challenge Course - new program!
American Red Cross Lifeguarding Challenge Course - new program!

Youth Drop-In Centers – now under the direction of the Bridgewater Recreation Department!

Drop-In Centers are now open! All students grades 6th to 12th (2006-2007 school year) are invited to attend. Activities include board games (i.e. chess, checkers...) card games, knock-hockey and basketball will be played to name a few! Pizza and soda are served to all who attend. The Bradley Gardens drop-in center is open on Friday evenings from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The Adamsville drop-in center is open Sunday afternoons from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. If you have any questions, call the Bridgewater Recreation Department.

Note: if there is not a registration deadline posted, availability is based on first come first served basis!